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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
ITO)
Application Number: 10/770,479)
Filed: February 4, 2004)
For: DESIGN METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A)
SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)
COMPRISING CHECKERS VERIFYING THE)
INTERFACE BETWEEN CIRCUIT BLOCKS)
(As Amended))
Attorney Docket No. NITT.0189)

Art Unit 2825

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Sir:

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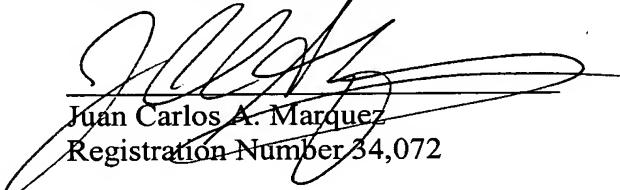
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